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phase characterized in that the globules of the oily phase have an average size of less than 20 microns and are monodispersed, in that the oily phase constitutes at least 15% by weight relative to the total weight of the emulsion and in that the aqueous phase contains at least one copolymer consisting of a major fraction of monoolefinically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> carboxylic acid monomer or its anhydride and a minor fraction of acrylic acid fatty-chain ester monomer, and in that it is free of surfactant.

20. (Amended) An emulsion comprising an oily phase dispersed in an aqueous phase, characterized in that the globules of the oily phase have an average size of less than 20 microns and are monodispersed, in that the oily phase constitutes at least 15% by weight relative to the total weight of the emulsion and in that the aqueous phase contains at least one copolymer consisting of a major fraction of monoolefinically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> carboxylic acid monomer or its anhydride and a minor fraction of acrylic acid fatty-chain ester monomer.

Please cancel claims 14 and 33.

## **SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS**

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to clarify that the globules in the oily phase are monodispersed. Support for these amendments can be found, *inter alia*, at page 3, lines 8-12. Claims 14 and 33 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-32 and 34-38 are currently pending, although claims 12, 13 and 30-32 have been withdrawn from consideration.